

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material having a side surface, said cutter apparatus comprising:

an inclined base having a slope sufficient to allow the board to slip down naturally under the force of gravity and be cut without the need for any other mechanism to accomplish the movement of the board through a complete cut;

a cutter including a rotatable blade for cutting a flat plate building material shipping down on ~~the~~ said slope; and

cutter fixing means for fixing said cutter to dispose said rotary blade at a predetermined height from said slope.

2. (Currently Amended) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to claim 1 wherein said cutter fixing means comprises a cutter rail trained between the opposite ends of said slope perpendicularly to the direction of the inclination of said slope; a movable supporter movable along the cutter rail; and a cutter holder having a mounting position and being mounted on said movable supporter for supporting a casing of said cutter.

3. (Original) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to claim 2 wherein said cutter rail includes a rail groove, and said movable support section includes a fitting portion having a shape fitting to said rail groove.

4. (Original) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to claim 2 wherein said cutter rail includes a pair of rail rods, and said movable support portion includes a fitting portion having a pair of holes through which said pair of the rail rods pass.

5. (Original) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to any of claims 2 and 4 wherein it includes means for adjusting the mounting position of said cutter holder with respect to said movable support portion to change the height of said rotary blade from said slope.

6. (Original) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to claim 5 wherein it includes a side stopper extending between opposite ends of said slope in parallel to the direction of the inclination to bring said side stopper into contact with the side surface of said slipping-down flat plate building material.

7. (Original) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to claim 6 wherein said side stopper is movable perpendicularly to the direction of said inclination.

8. (Original) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to any of claims 2 to 7 wherein there is provided a slit extending in the direction of said inclination in the slope of said inclined base to receive a folded portion when said flat plate building material has the folded portion.

9. (Currently Amended) A cutter apparatus for a flat ~~late~~ plate building material according to any of claims 2 to 8 wherein there is provided a second inclination to permit one side of said inclined base to be lower than the other side of the same in the direction perpendicular to the direction of the inclination of said slope.

10. (Original) A cutter apparatus for a flat plate building material according to any of claims 2 to 9 wherein there is further provided means for adjusting the angle of the face of said rotary blade with respect to said slope.